

**REMARKS**

The Notice of Non-compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) mailed December 12, 2007, in connection with the above-identified application, is noted. This Notice set forth that the Amendment document filed October 11, 2007, is non-compliant, because claims 40-49 have an improper status identifier, the Notice indicating that these claims should be identified as “(Cancelled)”.

The contention in the Notice mailed December 12, 2007, that claims 40-49 should be identified as “(Cancelled)”, is respectfully traversed. In connection therewith, note that claims 40-49 were newly submitted in the Amendment filed June 5, 2007; and that this Amendment filed June 5, 2007, was not entered, the Examiner contending that such Amendment was “not fully responsive to the prior Office Action”. See the Communication mailed September 11, 2007, by the Examiner in connection with the above-identified application. Since the Amendment filed June 5, 2007, was not entered, as per the Communication mailed September 11, 2007, clearly the indicator of claims 40-49 as being “(Not entered)” was proper.

In any event, to facilitate proceedings in connection with the above-identified application, and since claims 40-49 are not being considered on the merits in the above-identified application, Applicants are presently cancelling claims 40-49 without prejudice or disclaimer in this present Response, whereby claims 40-49 in the enclosed Substitute “**Amendments to the Claims**” section now include the Status Identifier “(Cancelled)”.

In view of the foregoing, entry of the present Response and of the Amendment filed October 11, 2007, and further examination of the above-identified application on the merits in due course, are respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Kindly charge any shortage of fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including any extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (case 1204.43988X00), and please credit any overpayments to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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